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FATAL HIT AND RUN TRAFFIC COLLISION

RIVERSIDE, CA – On July 15, 2015, at approximately 1806 hours, patrol and traffic officers responded to a report of a hit and run collision involving a pedestrian on Alessandro west of Meridian Way. Members of Riverside Fire arrived on scene to find a Caucasian male adult lying just off the roadway along the north curb line of Alessandro. Life saving measures were unsuccessful and the subject was pronounced deceased at the scene. Officers arrived on scene and contacted two witnesses who related the following:

An adult male, who appeared to be transient, was walking west bound along the emergency lane of west bound Alessandro. A brown older SUV driven by a subject with dark curly hair was also traveling west bound on Alessandro in the #3 lane. As the vehicle approached the pedestrian, it began to drift into the emergency lane striking the subject. The vehicle continued west on Alessandro without stopping. Motor officers canvassed the area and located a 1997 brown Toyota 4Runner in a gated housing complex located at 200 E. Alessandro. The vehicle was unoccupied and had major front end damage consistent with the collision.

Members of the department's Major Accident Investigation Team, investigators and forensic technicians responded to the scene and the collision is currently under investigation. The Riverside Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying and locating the driver that left the scene of this horrific crash.

Anyone who may have witnessed this collision is urged to contact Detective Ken Madsen at 951-826-8723.

